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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

## Hamm to continue as president

Dr. George F. Hamm has consented to continue to serve as president of UT Tyler to provide additional time for the process of selecting his successor, Donald L. Evans, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, announced Aug. 14.

"We are deeply indebted to President Hamm for his contributions to UT Tyler and for his willingness to continue his service through this important transitional period," Evans said. "This decision exemplifies the abiding commitment to the best interest of UT Tyler that has been the hallmark of Dr. Hamm's presidency."

Hamm, 66, announced last October his intent to complete his service as president on Aug. 31. Evans said the board recently asked him to continue as president in order to ensure progress on a number of important university initiatives.

Evans said those initiatives include preparing for the admission of freshmen and sophomores next summer, developing a UT Tyler higher educational center in Longview, overseeing the first year of the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center, and facilitating the development of the new School of Engineering.

Regent A. W. "Dub" Riter Jr. of Tyler said: "President Hamm's continued service will allow us to complete the search for his successor with full assurance that the University will remain in the best of hands throughout this critically important time. The new president will benefit enormously from this generous decision by Dr. Hamm."

Hamm stated: "My decision to continue certainly was not a difficult one, because of the tremendous support I've received for the past 16 years from the board of regents, the chancellor, our faculty and our generous donors throughout the region. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to repay them in this way."

## Regents reorganize academic office

Presidents of the nine general academic universities in the UT System will report directly to Chancellor William H. Cunningham under a reorganization plan approved by the Board of Regents Aug. 14. The restructuring is designed to reduce administrative costs and streamline management procedures, officials said.

As a result of the reorganization, Dr. James P. Duncan has resigned as executive vice chancellor for academic affairs and will return to teaching as a member of the faculty at UT Austin. Francie A. Frederick, currently associate executive vice chancellor, will serve as acting vice chancellor. In that position she will have day-to-day contact with the campus presidents and will provide staff support for the Chancellor's Office.





## Arts series premieres in Cowan Center

The grand-opening season of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center at UT Tyler brings the premiere of the new Performing Arts Series, a yearlong array of performances by international stars, President George F. Hamm has announced.

Award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch opens the series Aug. 23. Performances to be presented also include Tommy Tune with the Manhattan Rhythm Kings, Sept. 17; Stars of the Kirov Ballet, Oct. 30; "West Side Story," Dec. 13; the New York City Opera National Company production of "The Daughter of the Regiment," Jan. 27; and the Georgian State Dance Company, April 8.

Faculty, staff and currently registered students may receive two season tickets, including all six programs, at 50 percent off the following price per ticket: orchestra front and first balcony front, \$181; orchestra rear and first balcony rear, \$160; and second balcony, \$139. Tickets also may be purchased for individual performances at a 50 percent discount; for individual show prices call the Office of Development, ext. 7110.

Each of the six performances begins at 8 p.m. and will be presented in the Cowan Center's 2000-seat Jim and Bonna Bess Vaughn Auditorium.

As a composer, Hamlisch has won virtually every major award, including the Pulitzer Prize, the Tony Award, Golden Globe, three Oscars, four Grammys, and two Emmys. He has written more than 40 motion picture scores, including "The Sting" and "The Way We Were," and created the music for two major Broadway hits: "A Chorus Line" and "They're Playing Our Song."

He has appeared as guest artist with numerous symphonic orchestras, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the New York Philharmonic and the Royal Philharmonic in London.

The Cowan Center is named in memory of R. Don Cowan, an accomplished businessman and devoted patron of the arts and supporter of UT Tyler. He and his wife, Frances, have been members of the President's Associates and Friends of the Arts, of which she is a founder.



**COMPOSER MARVIN HAMLISCH**



## Surls exhibit opens Meadows Gallery

The work of East Texas artist James Surls will be featured in the opening exhibition of the Meadows Gallery in the Cowan Center. The exhibition, "James Surls: Swimming in Forever," will be on view Aug. 24 - Sept. 19 and will be the first in a calendar of continuing exhibitions in the Meadows Gallery.

President George F. Hamm said, "This timely exhibition is not only a celebration of the opening of the Meadows Gallery at UT Tyler, it also symbolizes the history and strength of the arts in this region. With continued community support, all of East Texas will benefit from an ever growing reputation as a cultural arts center."

Surls' contemporary prints and native wood sculptures have been exhibited internationally and are part of numerous private and public collections, including the Guggenheim, New York and the Dallas Museum of Art. He has made his home and worked out of his studio near Splendora, Texas, for the past 21 years. He first exhibited his work in Tyler in 1974 at the Tyler Museum of Art.

Among works included in "James Surls: Swimming in Forever," will be "Swimming in Forever, 1995," "Walking with Diamonds, 1995," and "She is with the Diamond, 1995." All three are large, wood sculptures which are suspended from the main foyer ceiling.

The Meadows Gallery will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays while classes are in session and during special events or by appointment. Admission is free.

## Nursing program offered in Longview

The School of Nursing will offer its B.S.N. degree program in Longview beginning in the fall semester. In conjunction with Interactive Video courses at the Joe M. Hendrix Kilgore College Center in Longview, UT Tyler will offer on-site labs and clinicals in Longview.

"Kilgore College has provided a unique partnership arrangement," said Dr. Linda Klotz, dean. "They have furnished classroom and faculty office spaces, utilities, and access to the skills lab, computer lab, and library. We are providing upgrades of laboratory equipment and operating computer software to meet the needs of B.S.N. students."

Longview Columbia Regional Hospital is providing additional equipment and its facilities for clinicals. Good Shepherd Medical Center is providing its facilities for labs and clinicals. Longview Public Library resources and services also will be available to students.

Nursing courses will consist of lectures originating in Longview and Tyler (via Interactive Video) and course labs and clinicals conducted on site in Longview by UT Tyler nursing faculty. Genie Bartlett, senior lecturer in nursing, will serve as site coordinator.

# PERSONNEL UPDATE

## NEW EMPLOYEES

### **MarQuita Manning**

Student Financial Aid Officer  
Student Financial Aid Office  
ADM 215, ext. 7181  
Effective 6/2/97

### **Candice Garner**

Director, Student Financial  
Aid Office  
Student Financial Aid Office  
ADM 213, ext. 7221  
Effective 7/7/97

### **Don Brisendine**

Guard  
Campus Security  
PHY 121, ext. 7300  
Effective 8/11/97

### **Greg Mekallp**

Financial Analyst  
Financial Services  
ADM 116, ext. 7223  
Effective 6/2/97

### **Tasha Ford**

Admissions Assistant  
Office of Admissions and  
Student Records  
ADM 202, ext. 7202  
Effective 8/1/97

### **Preston Gilbert**

Guard  
Campus Security  
PHY 121, ext. 7300  
Effective 8/18/97

### **Angela Jefferson**

Secretary I  
School of Business  
Administration  
BUS 114, ext. 7363  
Effective 6/18/97

### **Sandy Burns**

Secretary I  
School of Liberal Arts  
BUS 237, ext. 7373  
Effective 8/1/97

### **Ilah Blackett**

Library Assistant I  
Robert R. Muntz Library  
LIB 210, ext. 7342  
Effective 8/18/97

### **P.J. Lamb**

Administrative Secretary  
Office of Sponsored Projects  
ADM 312, ext. 7105  
Effective 7/1/97

### **Bonnie James**

Secretary I  
School of Business  
Administration  
BUS 114, ext. 7365  
Effective 8/11/97

## SERVICE RECOGNITION

Employees celebrating anniversaries in August are:

Five years — **Gayle Ferrell**, assistant to the director of Tech Prep, Aug. 27; and **Doris Sharp**, director, Tech Prep, Aug. 31.

Twenty years, all Aug. 24 — **W. Allen Martin**, professor of sociology; **Donald McClaugherty**, chair and associate professor of chemistry; and **Colleen Randel**, senior lecturer in education.

### **Holiday to be observed Sept. 1**

Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, to observe Labor Day.